

1 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65**

2 (By Senator Snyder)

3 [Originating in the Committee on Government Organization]

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5 Requesting a study on the creation of a Fiscal and Policy
6 Division under the Joint Committee on Government and
7 Finance.

8 Whereas, The Legislature, in order to function as a coequal
9 branch of government, seeks to emphasize the need to obtain
10 accurate information regarding the fiscal impact and policy
11 implications of proposed legislation; and

12 Whereas, In order to obtain fiscal information on proposed
13 legislation, the legislature is, at present, dependent upon
14 executive branch agencies and affected interest groups; and

15 Whereas, Establishing a Fiscal and Policy Division under the
16 Joint Committee on Government and Finance would assist
17 legislators in obtaining an unbiased and comprehensive fiscal
18 note on proposed legislation; and

19 Whereas, A Fiscal and Policy Division under the legislative
20 branch of government would advance taxpayer confidence in the
21 operations of state government; therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

2 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby
3 requested to study the creation of a Fiscal and Policy Division
4 under the Joint Committee on Government and Finance; and, be it

5 *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and
6 Finance is requested to study the fiscal impact of the
7 establishment of a Fiscal and Policy Division under the
8 legislative branch of West Virginia; and, be it

9 *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and
10 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012,
11 on its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with
12 drafts of any legislation necessary to effectuate its
13 recommendations; and, be it

14 *Further Resolved,* That the expenses necessary to conduct
15 this study and to prepare and draft necessary legislation be paid
16 from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on
17 Government and Finance.